

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraphs [0007] and [0008] beginning at page 2, line 17 with the following rewritten paragraphs:

FIG. 1 is a flow chart showing a judgement process executed by a computer in ~~an~~ a first embodiment (1) of the present invention;

FIG. 2 is a flow chart showing a judgement process executed by a computer in ~~another~~ a second embodiment (2) of the present invention; and

Please replace the paragraph [0016] beginning at page 4, line 20 with the following rewritten paragraph:

(1) ~~the~~ The thank-you gift information administrator stores information regarding at least the addresses and names of customers in a computer memory in advance in step 101. It is then determined in step 102 if a predetermined period T has elapsed regarding a customer. If the answer is no, the process returns to step 102. If, in step 102 in Fig. 1, the answer is yes, the process continues to step 103 to determine if the customer has already communicated regarding a chosen thank-you gift. If yes, the process ends. If no, and in the event that a customer fails to communicate regarding the name or number of a chosen thank-you gift even after a predetermined period, the administrator makes an enquiry to the customer in step 104 in

Fig. 1, based on an output signal from a computer, about whether this customer intends to receive a thank-you gift or not and the name or number of a chosen thank-you gift if the customer plans to receive the thank-you gift, ~~or.~~ Alternatively, a second embodiment or aspect (2) is shown in Fig. 2, with steps 101-103 being the same, and where the thank-you gift information administrator stores information regarding at least the addresses and names of customers in a computer memory in advance, ~~and.~~ In the second embodiment of Fig. 2, in the event that a customer fails to communicate regarding the name or number of a chosen thank-you gift even after a predetermined period, step 105 in Fig. 2, which replaces step 104 in Fig. 1, provides that ~~has~~ a thank-you gift, chosen by the thank-you gift information administrator, is dispatched to this customer based on an output signal from a computer.

Please replace the paragraph [0039] beginning at page 9, last line with the following rewritten paragraph:

On the other hand, a thank-you gift dispatch agent is simultaneously a manufacturer ~~&~~ or wholesaler in some cases. In the case of such an agent, the agent is generally specialized in the items the agent deals with, and therefore, does not necessarily have a great variety of thank-you gifts.